

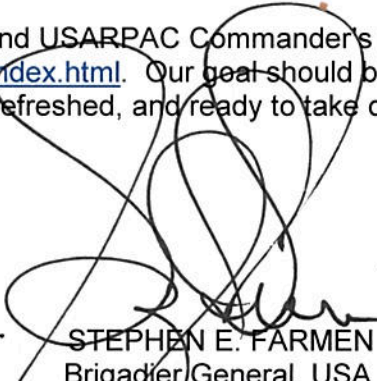


10 December 2013
Holiday Season Safety Message

1. The holiday season is a wonderful opportunity to be with friends and family. Team 19 will celebrate Christmas mid-week from 24–25 December, and New Year's Eve mid-week from 31 December - 1 January. Typically, the holiday season is linked to increased off-duty accidents and acts of indiscipline; however, engaged leadership can help us mitigate the risks and bring in the New Year safely.
2. Throughout the holiday season, leaders should know of these safety tips:
 - a. Personal Counseling: Mass formation safety briefs aside; Team 19 will also conduct eye-to-eye counselings, to set leader and led up for a safe holiday season. Across our formation, thousands of informal sessions should occur with leaders asking "What are your plans? Where will you go? And who will your Battle Buddy be?"
 - b. Tactical Vehicle Safety: The 19th ESC Winter Safety Council Minutes show our primary focus in safe vehicle operation, starts with properly licensed drivers. Furthermore units should know our unannounced Vehicle Checkpoints OPORD is pending; so be ready.
 - c. Holiday Depression Syndrome (HDS): Counselings can also uncover a Soldier's depression during the holidays. Ensure our Soldiers have the means to call home for the holidays. Teach the mantra "ASK-CARE-ESCORT" for a teammate with suicidal patterns. Have Soldiers know our 24-hour Suicide Lifeline is 05033-64-'4LIF' (4543).
 - d. Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS): Before Soldiers go on leave, where they will be operating any vehicle, they must complete the mandatory TRiPS online travel risk plan. Visit <https://cra.army.mil/home/> for the Army's guidance.
 - e. Parties and Safety: Good holiday party hosts know they are charged with the care and safety of their guests. Hosts should insist guests use taxis to arrive at parties, take POV keys, or call and arrange a taxi ride home.
 - f. Driving While Intoxicated (DWI): Too often, vehicle operators try to calculate the amount of alcohol they can consume, without going over Korea's strict .05 BAC. Instead they should calculate the dollars in pay they could lose, or the time spent in jail. Remember, if you run a tab - grab a cab!

3. Post, read, and heed the 8A, USFK, and USARPAC Commander's holiday safety messages on <http://www.usfk.mil/USFK/index.html>. Our goal should be to ensure every Soldier and civilian returns to work safe, refreshed, and ready to take on the exciting, yet challenging missions we'll face in 2014!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
STAY SAFE AND FESTIVE
BE ENGAGED, POSITIVE
AND AWARE OF SURROUNDINGS..
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY RELAX
HAVE FUN, AND ENJOY THE
SEASON.
REMEMBER →


STEPHEN E. FARMEN
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

TEAM 19!

Everyone Counts! Everyone Matters!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT YEAR.



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